the inclination that the inclination of the course of the Max's Mission.

The envelope is not sufficiently important to warrant such streamous efforts to deliver it," she said a little cold).

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Max would not have taken the short out through the alley had not Tengrove, the clean cut young chap who had give en bin the note impressed upon him the need of great speed.

"She will be leaving the house for the boat at 11," he had said as Max tucked the envelope into his breast pecket. "It's a half dollar if you get three bors she leaves."

Max grinnel with the wisdom of his fourteen years. For two years he had worn the blue uniform of the messand worn the blue uniform of the messandeal in two years. He winked at Tengrove and darted out of the office.

All of the boys steered clear of the alley, a slum of the fiannelal district, for more than once messengers had been held up by a gang of roughs who had a pull with the political leader of the district.

But this letter did not contain money, and the short cut meant a saving of five unimuses, and so Max took chances the had most reached the far end the gloony hall. Three or four half grown hosy were drinking out of the editory of the district.

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docks, but at last they came to the landing, and he dashed out on the pier. The watchman pointed out the Sylvia, and even as he spoke the boat began to Multitudes of pile do not half re-

There it is," he said roughly. "The diance of his face should tell that. We catch you, and you don't have money we are going to kill you. See?"

Max made a dive for the envelope and darded out of the entry, skillfully evading the kick nimed at him by his tormentor. He had no thoughts of the police. He must hurry to the Metheun house. There was no time to go back for another letter. Miss Metheun would be gone by then. It was not the first time he had carried notes for the nice looking man, and he was bound to see him out of this scrape.

By dint of steating rides on the street cars, he made his way to the residential section and tore madly up the front stoop of the Metheun town house.

The butler shook his head in answer to the boy's demand for an audience with Miss Metheun had gone to the yacht. It was the Sylvia and she was lying of the yacht station. He did not think that there would be time to reach the landing before the yacht salled.

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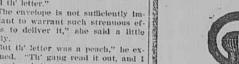
"Gliame a dime," demanded Max." I gitter run for it. I was frisked linearly up," he added impatiently as the butler stared at the demand. Something in his manner compelled obedience, and the stolid servitor handed over the celn.

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The power boat slipped smoothly through the water, gaining rapidly on the Sylvia, and presently they were running side by side and with a "Tanks; you're th' real t'ing," Max had climbed aboard the yacht.

To the sailor who came to inquire his business he made demand for Miss Metheun and was led aft to where the party sat under the awnings.

"I got a message for you," he announced. "It novit in writin!" he add-nounced. "It novit in writin!" he add-nounced. "It novit in writin!" he add-Magazine.





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